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IN REGARDS TO ELECTRIC LIGHTS

In regards to Electric Lights in Benton, I was able to secure the following information by writing to the State Grange Master, William J. Neal. My letter was forwarded to the Main Office in Concord.

The following is the copy of the letter I received from Mr. Leon Huntress, Project Superintendent.

CHARLES H. TYLER,
Selectman.

New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Phenix Hotel Bldg., 46 N. Main Street

CONCORD, N. H.

January 24, 1940

Mr. Charles H. Tyler, Chairman
Board of Selectmen
Benton, New Hampshire
My dear Mr. Tyler:

Your communication of the twentieth instant, addressed to Mr. William J. Neal, concerning the possibilities of the extension of our Co-operative electric lines through your territory has been referred to this office.

Your inquiry is a most natural one, and the points at least are those in the minds of several town officials in other communities.

The Rural Electrification Administration was authorized by an act of Congress in 1935 and amended in 1936 setting up a program whereby those areas not served by electrical facilities might embrace an opportunity to borrow funds at a low interest rate over a long period, the only restriction being that they be furnished evidences of a guaranteed minimum sufficient to pay off the loan within twenty-five years.

When the availability of these funds was first advanced it so happened that New Hampshire lead the nation in the matter of electrified homes in relation to the density of its population. Prompt inquiries were made at that time as to the possibility of having some of these funds used in New Hampshire, but our unusually favorable position in the national picture at that time prevented our being given primary consideration. Over seven hundred projects have been initiated in forty-four states in the past four years with the results that New Hampshire has dropped to seventh position in the present rating. The State Grange sponsored the necessary legislation in the last legislature, and the New Hampshire Electric Co-operative, Inc., was formed on July 19, 1939. A survey was immediately instituted to determine the possibilities for this type of work in the state, and it was learned that there were thirteen thousand five hundred fifty-five rural homes unserved by electric lines and that it was possible to construct nearly two thousand miles of line to correct this deficiency.

This is a very large order. The Public Utilities of the state with their large and efficient organizations have averaged not over one hundred miles per year. Our Co-operative, like all other co-operative

movements, was obliged to start from "scratch" with no funds for the preliminary work. We have progressed with all the facilities at our disposal so that we expect to have approximately four hundred miles of line constructed and in use by the time our organization is one year old. We concentrated our early efforts in the area where the need seemed to be the greatest. We are now actually constructing one hundred thirty-four miles in Sullivan County. Bids are being opened this date for construction of an additional two hundred forty-eight miles of line in Belknap, Carroll, and Grafton Counties to cover those areas where we have been operating up to and including October 13, 1939, the date we submitted our first compilation of data to Washington. On October 29, 1939, having met the Government requirements in our first areas, we were allotted the sum of three hundred eighty-two thousand dollars. We did not discontinue our membership survey activities on that date; to the contrary, we pushed forward with the result that we now have in the process of preparation, the required data on additional areas which will approximate nearly three hundred miles more. Our representative was in your territory in the early part of November to determine the amount of interest in those sections outside the area covered by the original allotment. The result has been that the towns of Benton, Haverhill, Easton, and adjacent territory are very definitely to be included in our request for funds for supplementary allotments. This data will be transmitted to Washington within a

month and your Co-operative officers are confident that we will receive favorable consideration.

The rigors of a New Hampshire winter would scarcely permit extended electrical construction in your territory at the present time. The work for which bids are being opened today will not begin until April 1; our policy is to have definite action taken upon our requests for supplementary estimates in such time that before the contractor leaves the two hundred forty-eight mile area, the additional work will be authorized and construction upon these extensions will be in such a status that he may proceed with that work.

I can sincerely appreciate your interest in having some definite commitment as to when electricity will be available in your community. However, there are so many factors involved that it is impossible for any of us in the Co-operative to give you any positive assurance. The rural electrification program was set up on a ten-year plan, with forty million dollars to be expended each year in this type of work. Like so many other construction authorizations in the National field, such legislation is entirely inoperative unless the Congress each year actually appropriates a sum of money authorized in the original statute. None of us has any idea just what attitude the present Congress will take concerning the availability of funds to carry on the present work. Two years ago, they added one hundred million dollars to the forty million dollars authorized. We believe that this will be reflected in a favorable attitude in the succeeding years of the ten year program. The

Federal officials in Washington have been most cordial towards our efforts and it is felt that there will be no obstacle in our path in that connection.

I just cannot tell you when we will get to Benton. We have been highly complimented for the rapid progress we have made. My personal opinion would be that you would receive electricity during the summer.

Should you wish to insert an item in the town warrant for street lights, I suggest that you make a study of where you would like such lights and we would arrange to provide them for twenty dollars a year each. Possibly you might insert an item authorizing the selectmen to enter into an agreement with the Co-operative for street lighting not to exceed \$----- for the ensuing years. Insert the amount of money you feel you could pay. We would be very happy to send you a contract for your examination.

It is appreciated that the above may be more or less unsatisfactory to you but we believe we are doing a fairly good job in electrifying the rural sections of New Hampshire. A fine spirit of co-operation from the people and their extreme patience and interest in our project has been most gratifying. If there is any further questions I would be very glad to answer them to the best of my ability.

Thanking you for the privilege of communicating with you, I am

Very truly yours,

LEON M. HUNTRESS,

Project Superintendent

LMH:BMT

BENTON TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Ira E. Elliott

TOWN CLERK

Floyd J. Hutchins

SELECTMEN

Charles H. Tyler, Stephen H. Dexter, John G. Elliott
 Term Expires 1940 Term Expires 1941 Term Expires 1942

HIGHWAY AGENT, Napoleon Boutin**TREASURER**

Margaret Elliott

TAX COLLECTOR

Ira E. Elliott

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Charles C. Tyler, Napoleon Burke, Napoleon Boutin

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Floyd J. Hutchins

George N. Belyea

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Mildred A. Elliott, Laura M. Noxon, Elizabeth Brooks

FENCE VIEWER, Clair Wheeler**CONSTABLE, Arthur Delaney****SCHOOL BOARD**

Floyd Hutchins, Ethel Boutin, Alexzina Boutin

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Floyd Hutchins, Napoleon Burke, John Elliott

SEXTONS

Charles C. Tyler,

George N. Belyea,

Mt. View & East Cemeteries

South Benton

AUDITOR, Ethel Boutin**BALLOT CLERKS**

Edgar Morse, William H. Crowe, Alfred Mardin
 and Benjamin Elliott

LIBRARIAN, William H. Crowe**HEALTH OFFICER, John Boutin**

Town Meeting Warrant

State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Benton Town Hall in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next, the twelfth, at ten o'clock in the forenoon until 3 p. m. in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects—

Article 1. The polls will be open from ten a. m., until 3:00 p. m., for the purpose of the direct primary voting for delegates-at-large.

Article 2. To choose a Town Clerk, one Selectman for three years, one or more Highway Agents, one Tax Collector, one Town Treasurer, one Auditor, one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years, one Library Trustee for three years and all other necessary Town Officers and Agents for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To hear the Reports of Officers and Agents heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 4. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Officers' salaries and expenses and for the repair and maintenance and construction of highways and bridges, for the observance of Memorial Day and for all other Town charges and expenses for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To see what action the Town will take in regards to how Memorial Day will be observed and where.

Article 6. To see what action the Town will take to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.

Article 7. To see what action the Town will take in regards to keeping Town Highways open for motor vehicle traffic for the winter season including snow removal and sanding and make the necessary appropriation of the same.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to dispense with delivery of inventory blanks until April 1st.

Article 9. To see what action the Town will take in regards to securing State Aid for highways and to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for that purpose.

Article 10.

!! IF OUR TOWN GETS ELECTRICITY !!

To see what action the Town will take to raise money for electric lights in our Town buildings and street lights if the voters so desire.

Article 11. To see what action the Town will take to discontinue a certain road southerly of Ernest Page's home in South Benton leading to Page Hill.

Article 12. There remains \$130.23 in the hands of the Treasurer, of the 1938 appropriations, for the repair of the Town Hall.

The roof now has several bad leaks and the inside needs to be fixed.

To see what action the Town will take to have these repairs done.

Article 13. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 5th day of February, A. D., 1940.

CHARLES H. TYLER,

S. H. DEXTER,

JOHN G. ELLIOTT,

Selectmen of Benton.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

John G. Elliott,

Charles H. Tyler,

S. H. Dexter,

Selectmen of Benton.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON, N. H.

Estimate of Revenue and Expenditures for the
ensuing year, February 1, 1940, to February 1, 1941.
compared with

Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous
year, February 1, 1939 to February 1, 1940.

| Sources of Revenue | actual 1939 | est'm'd 1940 |
|--|----------------|-----------------|
| FROM STATE: | | |
| Interest and Dividend Tax | \$ 21.36 | \$ 22.00 |
| Railroad Tax | 13.24 | 13.00 |
| Savings Bank Tax | 17.95 | 18.00 |
| Bounties | 62.80 | 16.60 |
| FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES | | |
| Interest and Costs Included | \$ 97.77 | \$ 90.00 |
| Auto Permits | 186.71 | 200.00 |
| Town Hall | | |
| FROM LOCAL TAXES OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES: | | |
| Poll Taxes | \$118.00 | \$190.00 |
| Dog Fees | 54.00 | 60.00 |
| Income, Trust Funds | 128.27 | 100.00 |
| National Forest Reserve, (not received to date) | | 200.00 |
| Abatement of State Tax | | |
| Tax Sales Redeemed | 7.11 | 100.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES | | |
| | | \$1,009.60 |
| Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes: | | 3,577.40 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | | |
| | | \$4,587.00 |

Purposes of Expenditures**Current Maintenance Expenses:**

| | actual 1939 | est'm'd 1940 |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT: | | |
| 1. Town Officers' Salaries | \$320.55 | \$300.00 |
| 2. Town Officers' Expenses | 215.79 | 250.00 |
| 3. Election and Registration | 19.20 | 130.00 |
| 4. Care and Supplies for Town Hall | 32.50 | 200.00 |

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY:

| | | |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| 5. Police Department | \$ 12.90 | \$ 15.00 |
| 6. Bounties | 16.60 | 20.00 |
| 7. Fire Department | 50.00 | 50.00 |

HEALTH:

| | | |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| 8. Health Department | \$ 10.00 | \$ 10.00 |
| 9. Vital Statistics | 4.50 | 5.00 |

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|
| 10. Town Road | \$587.38 | \$600.00 |
| 11. Snow Removal | 832.40 | 800.00 |
| 12. State Aid Construction | 220.50 | |

Est'm'd 1940 Statement from State not received

LIBRARIES:

| | | |
|---------------|----------|----------|
| 13. Libraries | \$ 12.00 | \$ 12.00 |
|---------------|----------|----------|

| | actual 1939 | est'm'd 1940 |
|--|----------------|-----------------|
| TOWN POOR: | | |
| 14. Town Poor | \$108.00 | \$100.00 |
| 15. County Poor | 30.00 | |
| PATRIOTIC PURPOSES: | | |
| 16. Memorial Day | \$ 20.39 | \$ 20.00 |
| PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES: | | |
| 17. Cemeteries | \$ 92.35 | \$ 75.00 |
| Payments to Other Governmental Divisions | | |
| 18. County Tax | \$599.00 | \$ 600.00 |
| 19. Payments to School Districts | 1,455.00 | 1,400.00 |
| Total Estimated Expenditures | | \$4,587.00 |
| TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES | | \$4,587.00 |

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF BENTON**April 1, 1939**

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Lands and Buildings | \$ 82,520.00 |
| Electric Plants including pole line | 28,750.00 |
| Horses (22) | 2,840.00 |
| Cows (104) | 6,435.00 |
| Neat Stock (12) | 370.00 |
| Wood and Lumber | 1,342.00 |
| Gasoline Pumps and Tanks | 175.00 |
| Stock in Trade | 439.00 |

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|-------|--------------|
| Total | \$122,871.00 |
|-------|--------------|

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|---------------------|----------|
| Polls (92) @ \$2.00 | \$184.00 |
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Amount of Taxes committed to Collector including
Poll and Property:

| | |
|----------|------------|
| Property | \$3,661.56 |
| Polls | 184.00 |

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|-------|------------|
| Total | \$3,845.56 |
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| Average Rate per cent of taxation for all purposes | \$2.98 |
|---|--------|

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|----------------|--------------|
| 1938 Valuation | \$147,787.00 |
|----------------|--------------|

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|----------------|------------|
| 1939 Valuation | 122,871.00 |
|----------------|------------|

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|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Total Decrease in Valuation | \$24,916.00 |
|-----------------------------|-------------|

\$24,916.00 Decrease

These figures should give the tax payers
a very good idea of the decrease in the
Town's Valuation in 1939 due to the
hurricane of 1938.

The Selectmen wish to thank all the tax payers
for their cooperation, on the reassessment of their
Property due to the Hurricane of 1938.

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR YEAR 1939 AND TAXES ASSESSED

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Town Officers' Salaries | \$ 300.00 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 250.00 |
| Election and Registration Expenses | 75.00 |
| Town Hall | 35.00 |
| Police Department | 15.00 |
| Fire Department | 50.00 |
| Health Department | 5.00 |
| Vital Statistics | 3.00 |
| State Aid Construction | 220.50 |
| Town Road Maintenance | 600.00 |
| Snow Removal | 700.00 |
| Libraries | 12.00 |
| Town Poor | 100.00 |
| Memorial Day | 20.00 |
| Cemeteries | 50.00 |
| County Tax | 599.00 |
| School Tax | 1,500.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$4,534.50 |
| TOTAL TOWN AND SCHOOL | |
| APPROPRIATIONS | \$4,534.50 |

Less Estimated Revenue and Credits:

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Interest and Dividend Tax | \$ 21.33 |
| Railroad Tax | 18.00 |
| Savings Bank Tax | 22.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 170.00 |
| National Forest Reserve | 350.00 |
| Trust Funds | 120.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | \$701.33 |

| Total Appropriation | |
|--|-------------------|
| Total Appropriation | \$4,534.50 |
| Less Revenue and Credits | 701.33 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$3,833.17 |
| Plus overlay | \$12.39 |
| | <hr/> |
| Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation | \$3,845.56 |
| Less Poll Taxes | 184.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Property Taxes | \$3,661.56 |
| Amount to be raised by Property Taxes | |
| on which Tax Rate is figured | \$3,661.56 |
| Tax Rate \$2.98 | |
| Property Taxes | \$3,661.56 |
| Poll Taxes | 184.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Taxes Committed to Collector | \$3,845.56 |

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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Town Hall, Land and Buildings | \$2,000.00 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 200.00 |
| Town Clerk's Building | 200.00 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 50.00 |
| Highway Equipment including | |
| Road Machine | 300.00 |
| School House, Land, Building, Equipment | 1,900.00 |
| Town Safe | 50.00 |
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| Total | \$4,700.00 |

Financial Report

Of The
TOWN OF BENTON

For Year Ending January 31, 1940

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| | | BALANCE |
|---|------------|------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash: | | |
| In hands of treasurer | | \$1,078.34 |
| In hands of Tax Collector | None | |
| Accounts Due to the Town: | | |
| Due from State— | | |
| Bounties paid | | \$16.60 |
| Due on John Cox note and Interest | | 79.50 |
| Taxes bought by Town: | | |
| (Not including property actually deeded by Town) | | \$366.92 |
| | | <hr/> \$1,541.36 |
| Uncollected Taxes: | | |
| Levy of 1939 | \$1,029.15 | |
| Levy of 1938 | 253.72 | |
| Previous years | 40.79 | |
| | | <hr/> \$1,323.66 |
| | | \$1,323.66 |
| Total Assets | | <hr/> \$2,865.02 |
| Grand Total | | \$2,865.02 |
| Surplus January 31, 1939 | | \$1,662.06 |
| Surplus January 31, 1940. | | \$1,224.05 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Decrease of Surplus | | \$438.01 |

After the books and accounts were closed and audited the interest on the John Cox note was paid and the note renewed by Mr. Cox.

SHEET**January 31, 1940****LIABILITIES****Accounts Owed by Town:**

Note, Woodsville Bank \$500.00

Due to Trustees of Trust Funds, none

Due to School District:

Dog Licenses (1939) \$ 81.00

Balance Appropriation ('39) 1,059.97

Forest Reserve, not received

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Total Due School District | \$1, 140.97 |
|---------------------------|-------------|

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Total Liabilities | \$1,640.97 |
|--------------------------|-------------------|

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|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Excess of Assets over Liabilities | \$1,224.05 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| Grand Total | \$2,865.02 |
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NOTICE!**NOTICE!**

The National Forest Reserve check was received after the 1939 accounts were closed, audited and the report drawn.

The amount of this check being \$228 33.

One-half of this amount is a share for the schools.

After this check was received the Town's note of \$500.00 was paid in full.

Therefore placing our Town on the list of towns which have no outstanding notes or bonds.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER**MARGARET E. ELLIOTT**

RECEIPTS:

| | |
|---|----------|
| Floyd Hutchins, 1938 dog tax | \$ 12.00 |
| Floyd Hutchins, 1939 dog tax | 54.00 |
| Floyd Hutchins, 1939 motor tax | 165.93 |
| Floyd Hutchins, 1940 motor tax | 20.73 |
| John Boutin, 1937 Property Tax | 565.60 |
| John Boutin, 1938 Property Tax | 612.14 |
| John Boutin, 1938 Adv. Property Tax | 196.47 |
| John Boutin, 1938 redeemed Tax | 7.11 |
| John Boutin, Taxes bought by Town | 253.72 |
| John Boutin, 1938 Interest | 63.32 |
| John Boutin, 1937 Interest | 6.35 |
| John Boutin, 1937 Costs | 7.00 |
| John Boutin, 1938 Costs | 21.10 |
| John Boutin, 1938 Poll Tax | 20.00 |
| John Boutin, discharge 1937 Tax | .50 |
| State of New Hampshire, Fire Bill | 1.13 |
| State of New Hampshire, Bounties | 62.80 |
| State of New Hampshire, Railroad Tax | 13.24 |
| State of New Hampshire, Savings Bank Tax | 17.95 |
| State of New Hampshire, Interest and Dividend Tax | 21.36 |
| Charles C. Tyler, James M. Leonard lot in Mountain View Cemetery | 5.00 |
| Charles C. Tyler, Helen Tewksbury lot in Mountain View Cemetery | 5.00 |
| S. H. Dexter, lot in Mountain View Cemetery | 5.00 |
| Howard Tyler, Poor off Farm | 24.00 |
| State of New Hampshire, State Aid Flood | 47.47 |
| Trust Funds for highways | 57.27 |

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Trust Funds for cemeteries | 71.00 |
| Napoleon Boutin, note paid in full | 100.00 |
| Napoleon Boutin, interest on Note | .84 |
| Ira Elliott, 1939 Property Tax | 2,632.41 |
| Ira Elliott, 1939 Interest | 4.49 |
| Ira Elliott, 1939 Poll Tax | 118.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$5,193.03 |
| Cash on Hand February 1, 1939 | 966.29 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$6,159.32 |
| Less Total Selectmen's Orders paid | 5,080.93 |
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| Cash on hand February 1, 1940 | \$1,078.34 |

MARGARET E. ELLIOTT,
Town Treasurer.

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Statement of Balance of Town Road Money

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|--|----------|
| Total amount raised for Town Roads, 1939 | \$600.00 |
| Total amount expended for Roads, 1939 | 587.33 |
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| | \$12.62 |
| Unexpended Balance of 1939 | \$12.62 |
| Received from Trustees of the Trust | |
| Funds for Roads | \$57.27 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total unexpended for Roads | \$69.89 |

STATEMENT OF RELIEF PROGRAM

TOWN AND COUNTY CASES

| | |
|------------------|----------|
| Town Poor Relief | |
| Wood | \$ 18.00 |
| Groceries | 28.00 |
| Medical | 62.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| TOTAL | \$108.00 |
| County Poor | |
| Groceries | \$30.00 |

The Town has received \$24.00 Reimbursement.
C. H. Tyler, Selectman.

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1939 Property Tax collected | \$2,632.41 |
| 1939 Uncollected | 1,029.15 |
| 1939 Polls collected | 118.00 |
| 1939 Interest collected | 4.49 |

I hereby certify that the above collections are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

IRA E. ELLIOTT,
Tax Collector of Benton, N. H.

Receipts and Payments

Detailed Payments

RECEIPTS AND

Current Revenue:**From Local Taxes:**

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Property Taxes committed to Collector | \$3 661.56 |
| Less uncollected | 1,029.15 |

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|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Property Taxes actually collected | \$2,632.41 |
| Poll Taxes actually collected | 118.00 |

Total of current year's collections **\$2,750.41**

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|--|------------|
| Property and Poll Taxes previous years actually collected | \$1,394.21 |
| Interest on 1939 Taxes | 4.49 |
| Tax Sales Redeemed | 7.11 |
| 1938 Taxes bought by Town | 253.72 |
| Interest from Taxes and Costs | 97.77 |
| Discharge of 1937 Tax | .50 |

From State:

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Forest Fire Bill | \$ 1.18 |
| Bounties | 62.80 |
| Railroad Tax | 13.24 |
| Savings Bank Tax | 17.95 |
| Interest and Dividend Tax | 21.36 |
| N. H. Reimbursement Flood money | 47.47 |

Public Enterprises:

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Lots in Mountain View Cemetery | \$ 15.00 |
|--------------------------------|----------|

From County:

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| Poor off Farm | \$ 24.00 |
|---------------|----------|

Total Current Revenue Receipts
(carried forward to page 28) **\$4,711.21**

PAYMENTS **Year Ending January 31, 1940**

Current Maintenance Expenses:**General Government:****Detail**

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 1 Town Officers' Salaries | \$ 320.55 |
| 2 Town Officers' Expenses | 215.79 |
| 3 Election and Registration | 19.20 |
| 4 Town Hall | 32.50 |

Protection of Persons and Property:

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| 5 Police Department | \$ 12.90 |
| 6 Fire Department | 00.00 |
| 7 Bounties | 16.60 |

Health Department:

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| 8 Health officer for 1938 & 1939 | \$ 10.00 |
| 9 Vital Statistics | 4.50 |

Highways and Bridges:

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| 10 Snow Removal | \$ 832.40 |
| 11 Town Roads Maintenance | 587.33 |

Libraries:

| | |
|------------|----------|
| 12 Library | \$ 12.00 |
|------------|----------|

Charities:

| | |
|----------------|-----------|
| 13 Town Poor | \$ 108.00 |
| 14 County Poor | 30.00 |

Total Current Payments

(carried forward to page 29)

2,201.82

RECEIPTS AND

| | |
|--|-------------------------|
| Total Current Revenue Receipts (brought forward from page 26) | \$4,711.21 |
| Trustees of the Trust Funds: | |
| For Highways | \$ 57.27 |
| For Cemeteries | 71.00 |
| By Napoleon Boutin | |
| Note paid in full | \$100.00 |
| Interest on this note | .84 |
| From Local Sources Except Taxes: | |
| From Floyd Hutchins | |
| 1938 Dog Tax | \$ 12.00 |
| 1939 Dog Tax | 54.00 |
| 1939 Motor Vehicle Tax | 165.93 |
| 1940 Motor Vehicle Tax | 20.78 |
| Total Receipts | <hr/> \$5,193.03 |
| Cash on Hand February 1, 1939 | 966.29 |
| Grand Total | <hr/> \$6,159.32 |

PAYMENTS **Year Ending January 31, 1940**

Total Current Payments

(brought forward from page 27) \$2,201.82

Detail**Patriotic Purposes:**

15 Memorial Day Exercises \$ 20.39

Public Service:

16 Cemeteries \$ 92.35

Unclassified:

17 Taxes Bought by the Town \$ 366.92

Payments on Notes:

18 Interest on Notes \$ 25.00

Temporary Loans:

19 N. Boutin (By Note) \$ 100.00

Now Paid in Full with Interest

State Aid Construction:

20 Permanent Improvement \$ 220.50

Payments to other Government Divisions:

21 County Tax \$ 599.00

22 School District 1,455.00

23 State Tax. There is no State Tax
due to the Tobacco Tax.

Total Payments to Gov. Divisions **\$5,080.98**

Cash on hand January 31, 1940 1,078.34

Grand Total **\$6,159.32**

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

General Government:

Detail No. 1, Town Officers' Salaries

| | |
|--|-----------|
| William Crowe (1938) Auditor | \$ 15.20 |
| Charles H. Tyler, Selectman 1939 Salary | 50.00 |
| Stephen H. Dexter, Selectman (1939) Salary | 45.40 |
| John G. Elliott, Selectman (1939) Salary | 44.80 |
| Margaret Elliott, Treasurer (Salary) | 35.00 |
| Ira E. Elliott, Tax Collector (Salary) | 50.00 |
| Floyd J. Hutchins, Town Clerk (Salary) | 35.00 |
| Floyd J. Hutchins, Auto Permits | |
| (51) @\$.25 each | 12.75 |
| Floyd J. Hutchins, Dog Fees | |
| (22) @ \$.20 each | 4.40 |
| C. H. Tyler, Relief Agent, and balance of 1938 Salary | 28.00 |
| | \$ 320.55 |
| Total Town Officers' Salaries, | \$320.55 |

Detail No. 2, Town Officers' Expenses

| | |
|---|----------|
| Woodsville Publishing Co., Town Reports | \$ 66.25 |
| Edson C. Eastman Co., Town supplies | 25.72 |
| Edson C. Eastman Co., Receipt & Payment book | 8.14 |
| Brown and Saltmarsh, Town supplies | 19.70 |
| F. P. Dearth Insurance Agency, | |
| Town Officers' Bonds | 20.00 |
| E. B. Mann Co., Stationery for Town Reports | .50 |
| Fred Shores, Register, Transfer of Deeds and Record work | 1.43 |
| Charles Dixon, 2 names deceased | .20 |
| William Crowe, Audit expenses | 1.15 |

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|--|-------|
| Charles H. Tyler, Postage, phone, stationery | 10.93 |
| Association of Assessors dues | 2.00 |
| Luigi Castello, Town Record work | 4.00 |
| Stephen H. Dexter, car, inventory | |
| and valuation work | 27.15 |
| John Elliott, car | 4.00 |
| Ira Elliott, car to Concord | 8.00 |
| Lisbon Savings Bank, Rent of Trustees box | 4.95 |
| Floyd J. Hutchins, use of car for the Trustees | |
| annual trip to Lisbon to verify the | |
| Trust Fund accounts | 3.00 |
| Floyd J. Hutchins, 2 dinners for Trustees, | |
| self and N. Burke | .70 |
| Floyd J. Hutchins, Postage | 1.74 |
| Margaret E. Elliott, Treasurer, postage | 3.05 |
| Ira E. Elliott, Tax Collector's postage | 3.18 |

\$215.79

Total Officers' Expenses, \$215.79

Detail No. 3. Election and Registration

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Charles C. Tyler, Supervisor (March) | \$ 6.40 |
| Napoleon Burke, Supervisor (March) | 6.40 |
| Napoleon Boutin, Supervisor (March) | 3.20 |
| Ira E. Elliott, Moderator (March) | 3.20 |

Total \$19.20

Detail No. 4. Town Hall

| | |
|--|---------|
| Mildred Elliott, cleaning Town Clerk's office | \$ 1.00 |
| Mildred Elliott, for work at Hall in April | 1.50 |
| Mildred Elliott, for yearly cleaning Town Hall | 5.00 |
| F. P. Dearth, Insurance on Hall | 25.00 |

Total Town Hall \$32.50

Detail No. 5, Protection of Persons & Property

| | |
|--|---------|
| Grace Tyler, March 4 feeding and lodging tramp | \$1.50 |
| Grace Tyler, April 15, feeding & lodging tramp | 1.50 |
| Grace Tyler, June 2 feeding & lodging tramp | 1.50 |
| Grace Tyler, Jan. 13, feeding & lodging tramp | 1.00 |
| Arthur Delaney, Constable for Memorial | 2.40 |
| Arthur Delaney, Constable, Salary | 5.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$12.90 |

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| Total | \$12.90 |
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Detail No. 6, Fire Department

| | | |
|-----------------|------|-------|
| Fire Department | None | 00.00 |
|-----------------|------|-------|

Detail No. 7, Bounties

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|------------------------------|---------|
| Bounties Paid | |
| Porcupines (83) @ \$.20 each | \$16.60 |
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| Total | \$16.60 |

Detail No. 8, Health Department

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|----------------------------|---------|
| Health Officer 1938 & 1939 | \$10.00 |
|----------------------------|---------|

Detail No. 9, Vital Statistics

| | |
|---|--------|
| O. M. Polhemus, 1 marriage | \$.50 |
| Dr. Robert E. Deming, 1 death | .25 |
| Dr. Frank Seligson, 1 death | .25 |
| Dr. S. A. Blodgett, 5 births | 1.25 |
| Floyd J. Hutchins, recording Statistics | 2.25 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$4.50 |
| Total Vital Statistics | \$4.50 |

Detail No. 10. Snow Removal and Sanding

South Benton included. N. Boutin, Agent

Plowing Rate, \$2.00 per hour.

Teams \$.80 per hour. Sanding Rate \$1.20

N. Boutin, plowing, 162 hrs. \$ 324.00

N. Boutin, truck only 3 hrs. 2.40

N. Boutin, sanding 126 hrs., 40 min. 152.00

N. Boutin, sanding, 2½ hrs. 3.00

Joseph Boutin, Jr., 237 hrs. 94.00

Floyd Hutchins, 9½ hrs. 3.80

Kenneth DeRusha, 17½ hrs. 7.00

John Elliott, 13½ hrs. 5.40

N. Boutin, 13½ hrs. 5.40

William Prue, self and team 49.80

Francis Boutin, 34 hrs. 13.60

Chester Boutin. 4 hrs. 1.60

Howard Tyler, 2 hrs. .80

Selah Bowles, 2 hrs. .80

Clinton Hill, 2 hrs. .80

Alfred Mardin. 2 hrs., team 1.60

Ernest Page, 10 hrs. 4.00

Alphonse Fillian, men and team 45.60

Will Carr, 70 yds. sand 11.25

Tilden Day, 7½ yds. sand .75

Material for Snow Plow 60.00

N. Boutin, labor on plow 44.00

\$832.40

Summary Snow Removal, Total \$832.40

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Our Town has had very good roads through the Winter Seasons.

Detail No. 11, Town Road Work 1939

South Benton included.

N. Boutin, Agent

Rates: Truck and Driver \$1.20; Truck only \$.80;

Laborer \$.40 per hour.

Each man is paid by separate check. Signing a pay roll before order is given by Selectmen.

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|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| N. Boutin and Truck, 267 2-3 hrs. | \$ 321.20 |
| N. Boutin, labor, 56 hrs. | 22.40 |
| Joseph Boutin, Jr., 216½ hrs. | 86.60 |
| Joseph Boutin, Sr., 57 hrs. | 22.80 |
| Francis Boutin, 120 hrs. | 48.00 |
| Chester Boutin, 30 hrs. | 12.00 |
| Alfred Mardin, team, 1 hr. | .80 |
| Clinton Hill, 1 hr. | .40 |
| Selah Bowles, 5½ hrs. | 2.20 |
| Russell Elliott, 5 hrs. | 2.00 |
| John Elliott, 17 hrs. | 6.80 |
| Floyd Hutchins, 1 hr. | .40 |
| Napoleon Burke, 38½ hrs. | 15.40 |
| Arthur Delaney, 16 hrs. | 6.40 |
| Howard Tyler, 17 hrs. | 6.80 |
| Alphonse Fillian, gravel, 44 yds. | 4.40 |
| Joe Riley, gravel, 15½ yds. | 1.55 |
| Tilden Day, gravel, 56 yds. | 5.60 |
| Tilden Day, Road Scraper | 5.00 |
| N. Boutin, Road Machine Bar | 1.80 |
| W. Clough, gravel, 17 yds. | 1.70 |
| Casellini Venable Corp., 13 shovels | 13.13 |

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|---------------------------|----------|
| Total Labor and Materials | \$587.33 |
| Summary Town Road Work, | \$587.33 |

Detail No. 12, Libraries

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|--------------------------|---------|
| William Crowe, Librarian | \$12.00 |
|--------------------------|---------|

Detail No. 13, Town Poor

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Groceries, Wood, Medical | \$108.00 |
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Detail No. 14, County Poor

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|-----------|---------|
| Groceries | \$30.00 |
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Detail No. 15, Patriotic Purposes

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| M. W. Field, supplies for dinner | \$ 6.64 |
| Fred Corliss, supplies | 2.00 |
| White Mountain Ice Cream Co., ice cream | 6.75 |
| Rev. C. D. Maurer, speaker | 3.00 |
| E. B. Mann Co., Flags | 2.00 |

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| Total | \$20.39 |
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Ira E. Elliott, Chairman of the Committee.

Detail No. 16, Public Service Enterprises

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Charles C. Tyler, Sexton | |
| Mountain View Cemetery | \$ 63.80 |
| Truck | 2.00 |
| Charles C. Tyler, Sexton | |
| East Cemetery | 19.75 |
| George N. Belyea, Sexton | |
| South Benton | 6.80 |

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|-------|---------|
| Total | \$92.35 |
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Much credit has been given the Town of Benton, the two sextons, and the Trustees of the Trust Funds for our fine looking cemeteries.

Detail No. 17, Unclassified

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Taxes Bought By The Town | \$366.92 |
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Detail No. 18, Payments on Notes

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| Interest | \$ 25.00 |
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Detail No. 19, Temporary Loans

| | | |
|--------------------|-------|----------|
| N. Boutin, by Note | Total | \$100.00 |
|--------------------|-------|----------|

The amount now paid back to Town with interest.

Detail No. 20, Outlay for New Construction

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|------------------------|----------|
| State Aid Construction | \$220.50 |
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Detail No. 21, Payments to Gov. Divisions

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|------------|----------|
| County Tax | \$599.00 |
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Detail No. 22, School District

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|-------------------------|------------|
| To Treasurer of Schools | \$1,455.00 |
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Detail No. 23, State Tax

There is no State Tax due to the Tobacco Tax.

TRUSTEES REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

For the Period Ending January 31, 1940

The following is our annual report of all Trust Funds.

Received of Ira Whitcher Fund, interest on
\$500.00 U. S. Treasury Loan for Cemetery \$13.75
Bal. Jan. 31, 1939 8.91

\$22.66

For Cemetery \$10.00
Bal. Jan. 31, 1940 12.66

\$22.66

Received from Whitcher and Mann Fund, interest
on \$500.00 U. S. Treasury Loan for care of lot. Bal-
ance if any for School and Highways \$13.75
Bal. Jan. 31, 1939 .09

\$13.84

Care of lot \$ 9.84
For School 2.00
For Highways 2.00

\$13.84

Received from Witcher and Mann Fund, interest
on \$1,000.00 U. S. Treasury Loan for Cemetery, Bal-
ance, if any, for School and Highways \$27.50
Bal. Jan. 31, 1939 .18

\$27.63

For Cemetery \$17.63

For School 5.00

For Highways 5.00

\$27.68

Received from Witcher and Mann Fund, interest
on \$1,500.00 and \$250.00 U. S. Treasury Loans for
School \$50.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1939 .27

\$50.27

To Benton School District \$50.27

Received from Witcher and Mann Fund, interest
on \$1,500.00 and \$250.00 U. S. Treasury Loans for
Highways \$50.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1939 .27

\$50.27

To Town of Benton for Highways \$50.27

Received from L. H. Parker Fund, income from
Cemetery Field, to be used for care of specified lots.

Rent from field \$5.00

Care of lots , 5.00

00.00

Received from Ella Mann Fund, interest on
\$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

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|--------------------|--------|
| | \$1.12 |
| Bal. Jan. 31, 1939 | 1.54 |
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| | \$2.66 |

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|--------------------|--------|
| Care of lot | \$1.50 |
| Bal. Jan. 31, 1940 | 1.10 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2.60 |

Received from George H. Clark Fund, interest on
\$200.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

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|--------------------|---------|
| | \$ 3.72 |
| Bal. Jan. 31, 1939 | 16.99 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$20.70 |

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| Care of lot | \$ 5.00 |
| Bal. Jan. 31, 1940 | 15.70 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$20.70 |

Received from William T. Torsey Fund, interest
on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

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|--------------------|--------|
| | \$.94 |
| Bal. Jan. 31, 1939 | 1.07 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2.01 |

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| Care of lot | \$1.00 |
| Bal. Jan. 31, 1940 | 1.01 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2.01 |

Received from Samuel C. Annis Fund, interest
on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

\$.94

Bal. Jan. 31, 1939 1.07

\$2.01

Care of lot \$1.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1940 1.01

\$2.01

Received from Jonathan Davis Fund, interest
on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

\$.94

Bal. Jan. 31, 1939 1.07

\$2.01

Care of lot \$1.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1940 1.01

\$2.01

Received from J. C. Speed Fund, interest on
\$134.71 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

\$ 2.58

Bal. Jan. 31, 1939 13.53

\$16.16

Care of lot \$ 4.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1940 12.16

\$16.16

Received from Samuel Whitcher and Wm. Kendall Fund, interest on \$200.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$ 3.71

Bal. Jan. 31, 1939 25.99

\$29.70

Care of lot \$10.48

Bal. Jan. 31, 1940 19.22

\$29.70

Received from Kendrick L. Howe Fund, interest on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$1.12

Bal. Jan. 31, 1939 1.40

\$2.52

Care of lot \$1.50

Bal. Jan. 31, 1940 1.02

\$2.52

Received from Daniel M. and Kendrick L. Howe Fund, interest on \$100.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$ 2.26

Bal. Jan. 31, 1939 0.00

\$2.26

Care of lot \$2.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1940 .26

\$2.26

Received from Isabella M. Tyler Fund, interest
on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

| | |
|--------------------|--------|
| | \$1.12 |
| Bal. Jan. 31, 1939 | .10 |

\$1.22

| | |
|--------------------|--------|
| Care of lot | \$1.00 |
| Bal. Jan. 31, 1940 | .22 |

\$1.22

Total amount received from Trust Funds for the
year ending January 31, 1940

\$183.44

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|--------------------|-------|
| Bal. Jan. 31, 1939 | 67.53 |
|--------------------|-------|

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|-------|----------|
| Total | \$250.97 |
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Total amount paid for care of cemetery lots, for
school and highways

\$185.51

Balance deposited on check account,
Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.,
January 31, 1940.

65.43

| | |
|-------|----------|
| Total | \$250.97 |
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FLOYD J. HUTCHINS,

NAPOLEON BURKE,

JOHN G. ELLIOTT,

Trustees of Trust Funds, Benton, N. H.

REPORT OF BENTON TOWN LIBRARY

For Year Ending January 31, 1940.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Books in Library January 31, 1939 | 615 |
| Books added by State | 5 |
| Books added by Bath Library | 37 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 657 |
| Books Loaned in 1939 | 81 |
| Books in Library January 31, 1940 | 654 |
| Leaving the sum of 3 books loaned | 3 |
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| Total | 657 |

WILLIAM H. CROWE,

Librarian.

Thanks to the Bath Town Library for the books added.

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FINANCIAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES

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|-------------------------------|---------|
| Cash on hand January 31, 1940 | \$62.94 |
|-------------------------------|---------|

We, the Trustees of the Library of the Town of Benton, wish to thank the Town of Bath Library for the books which they gave to our Library.

MILDRED A. ELLIOTT,

LAURA M. NOXON,

Library Trustees.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Having examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Road Agent and Trustees of the Trust Funds, I find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ETHEL A. BOUTIN,

Auditor.

February 2, 1940

Town of Benton.

DISTRICT OFFICERS 1939-1940

School Board

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Floyd Hutchins, Chairman | Term expires 1940 |
| Mrs. Ethel Boutin | Term expires 1941 |
| Mrs. Alexzina Boutin | Term expires 1942 |

Other District Officers

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Charles H. Tyler | Treasurer |
| William H. Crowe | Auditor |
| Mrs. Ethel Boutin | Clerk |
| Ira A. Elliott | Moderator |
| F. Lester Trafton | Superintendent of Schools |
| Arthur Delaney | Truant Officer |

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from the official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

FLOYD HUTCHINS,

ETHEL BOUTIN,

ALEXZINA BOUTIN,

February 1, 1940

School Board.

RECEIPTS 1938-1939

State and Federal Aid:

Equalization fund for elementary
school (from state) \$ 971.40

Income from Local Taxation:

(raised by Selectmen)

For support of Elementary Schools \$1,153.42
Appropriation 1937-1938 186.58

Total \$1,340.00

Income from Other Sources:

Income from local trust
funds, 1938 \$ 65.00
Elementary tuition 10.00

Total \$ 75.00

Total Receipts From All Sources \$2,386.40

Cash on Hand at Beginning of
Year, July 1, 1938 15.55

GRAND TOTAL \$2,401.95

PAYMENTS 1938-1939

Administration

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Salaries of district officers | \$ 36.00 |
| Superintendent's excess salary | 36.37 |
| Truant officers and census | 10.00 |
| Expenses of administration | 16.04 |

Instruction

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Teacher's salary | 800.00 |
| Textbooks | 24.10 |
| Scholars' supplies | 41.20 |
| Other expenses of instruction | 1.58 |
| Flags, etc. | 4.72 |

Operation and Maintenance

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Janitor service | 37.00 |
| Fuel | 27.75 |
| Water, light, janitors' supplies | 3.00 |
| Minor repairs and expenses | 37.55 |

Auxiliary Agencies

| | |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Medical inspection | .40 |
| Transportation of pupils | 571.00 |
| High school tuition | 475.01 |
| Elementary school tuition | 103.00 |
| Other special activities | 3.76 |

Fixed Charges

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Tax for state-wide supervision | 84.00 |
| Insurance and other fixed charges | 5.00 |
| New Equipment | 14.77 |
| Payment of bills from previous years | 40.69 |

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|---|------------|
| Total Payments For All Purposes | \$2,372.97 |
| Cash on Hand at End of Year, (June 30, 1939) | 28.98 |

GRAND TOTAL

\$2,401.95

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

June 30, 1939

Cash on hand:

| | | |
|------------------------|---|----------|
| Balance, June 30, 1939 | • | \$ 28.98 |
|------------------------|---|----------|

Accounts due to district:

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--|
| Appropriation 1938-1939 | \$ 501.58 | |
| Federal forest reserve 1938 | 227.39 | |
| Dog taxes, 1938 | 61.00 | |

789.97

Total Assets

\$818.95

Excess of Liabilities over Assets

0.00

GRAND TOTAL

\$818.95

LIABILITIES

| | | |
|---------------------|----------|--|
| Lottie M. Underhill | \$ 36.34 | |
|---------------------|----------|--|

Total Liabilities

\$ 36.34

Excess of Assets over Liabilities

782.61

GRAND TOTAL

\$818.95

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Benton, of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM H. CROWE,

July 15, 1939

Auditor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1939****School District of Benton****SUMMARY**

| | |
|--|------------|
| Cash on hand, June 30, 1938 | \$ 15.55 |
| Received from State Treasurer (State and Federal Aid) | 971 43 |
| Received from Selectmen: | |
| Appropriation for current year | 1,153.42 |
| Balance of previous appropriation | 186.53 |
| Income from trust funds, 1938 | 65.00 |
| Received from all other sources | 10.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,401.97 |

Total amount available for fiscal year
(Balance and Receipts) \$2,401.95
Less school board orders paid 2,372.27

Balance on hand as of June 30, 1939
(Treasurer's Bank Balance) \$ 28.93

CHARLES H. TYLER,

July 15, 1939

District Treasurer.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1940-1941

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1940.

Detailed Statement of Estimated Expenditures
Support of Schools:

| | |
|--|------------|
| Teachers' salaries | \$ 950.00 |
| Textbooks | 28.00 |
| Scholars' supplies | 30.00 |
| Flags and appurtenances | 3.00 |
| Other expenses of instruction | 7.00 |
| Janitor service | 37.00 |
| Fuel | 20.00 |
| Water, light, janitor's supplies | 8.00 |
| Minor repairs, and expenses | 75.00 |
| Health supervision and medical Inspection | 36.00 |
| Transportation of pupils | 592.00 |
| Payment of elementary tuition | 108.00 |
| Other special activities | 5.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,899.00 |

Other Statutory Requirements:

| | |
|--|----------|
| Salaries of District Officers (fixed by district) | \$ 36.00 |
| Truant Officer and School Census (fixed by district) | 10.00 |
| Payment of Tuition in High Schools and academies (estimated by board) | 655.00 |

| | |
|--|------------|
| Superintendent's Excess Salary (fixed by supervisory union) | 36.37 |
| Per Capita Tax (reported by State Treasurer) | 82.00 |
| Other obligations | 62.50 |
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| | \$ 881.87 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Amount Required to Meet School Board's Budget | \$2,780.87 |

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Estimated Income of District

| | |
|---|------------|
| Balance, June 30, 1940 | \$ 250.00 |
| State Aid, December 1940 allotment | 859.18 |
| Dog Taxes | 50.00 |
| Income from trust funds | 60.00 |
| Federal Forest Reserve | 50.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Deduct Total Estimated Income (Not Raised by Taxation) | \$1,269.18 |
| | <hr/> |
| Assessment Required to Balance | \$1,511.69 |

We recommend that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the ensuing year.

FLOYD HUTCHINS,

ETHEL BOUTIN,

ALEXZINA BOUTIN,

School Board.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton:

I herewith present my sixth annual report as superintendent of your schools.

The total enrollment for 1938-39 was 27, the average membership 20.58, the percent of attendance was 92.26, and the number of cases of tardiness 40. The percent of attendance was lower than for the previous year. There were four pupils attending Woodsville High School, two at Bath High School, and one at Haverhill Academy. There were seven attending the elementary school at East Haverhill, one at Pike, and one at Glencliff.

This year the present enrollment is 22. There are six attending high schools and four attending elementary schools outside the district.

Mrs. Louise Ross of Littleton replaced Miss Avery as your teacher this year. Mrs. Ross is a graduate of Keene Teachers College and has had several years of experience teaching in schools in the northern part of the state. She is doing an excellent piece of work as teacher and takes a personal interest in her pupils.

Your School Board has allowed money in the budget to paint the outside of the school house next year. This combined with a large amount for high and elementary tuitions and a smaller estimated balance has made it necessary to ask for a somewhat larger appropriation for next year.

I wish to thank the members of the School Board for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Superintendent of Schools. F. LESTER TRAFTON.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., For The Year Ending January 31, 1940.

Audrey Louise DeRusha, born at Benton, N. H., July 3, 1939 third child, female, living, white; name of father, Kenneth R. DeRusha, occupation, woodsman, birthplace, Haverhill, N. H.; maiden name of mother, Marjorie L. Elliott, birthplace, Lakeport, N. H. Residence of parents, Benton, N. H.

Raymond Adrian White, Jr., born at Benton, N. H., September 30, 1939, second child, male, living, white; name of father, Raymond A. White, occupation, laborer, birthplace, Haverhill, N. H.; maiden name of mother, Ella M. Elliott, birthplace, Haverhill, N. H. Residence of parents, Warren, N. H.

Benjamin Leslie Elliott, Jr., born at Benton, N. H., October 6, 1939, third child, male, living, white; name of father, Benjamin L. Elliott, occupation, laborer, birthplace, Benton, N. H.; maiden name of mother, Helen G. Lombard, birthplace, Burlington, Vt. Residence of parents, Glencliff, N. H.

David Higgins, born at Benton, N. H., November 10th, 1939, ninth child, male, living, white; name of father, James M. Higgins, occupation, laborer, birthplace, Lowell, Mass.; maiden name of mother, Mary S. Schroeder, birthplace, Boston, Mass. Residence of parents, Benton, N. H.

Nancy May Ball, born at Benton, N. H., January 12, 1940, second child, female, living, white; name of father, Reginald H. Ball, occupation, laborer, birthplace, Landaff, N. H.; maiden name of mother, Charlotte M. Griffin, birthplace, Tilton, N. H. Residence of parents, Glencliff, N. H.

**Marriages Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H.,
For The Year Ending January 31, 1940.**

Douglas E. Brooks and Elizabeth L. Mardin, married at Haverhill, N. H., February 11, 1939, by Rev. Oscar M. Polhemus, Methodist Minister; residence of groom, Haverhill, N. H., age, 21, single, occupation, truck driver, born at Haverhill, N. H., father's name, Olin C. Brooks, mother's maiden name, Persis C. Dearth. Residence of bride, Benton, N. H., age, 21, single, occupation, housework, father's name, Stephen E. Mardin, mother's maiden name, Edith M. Alexander.

Alfred U. Mardin and Frances J. Cox, married at Haverhill, N. H., April 8, 1939, by Rev. Oscar M. Polhemus, Methodist Minister; residence of groom, Benton, N. H., age 41, single, occupation, farmer, born at Lisbon, N. H., father's name, Ervin A. Mardin, mother's maiden name, Clara E. Hill. Residence of bride, Haverhill, N. H., age, 33, single, occupation, housework, father's name, John E. Cox, mother's maiden name, Ione A. Bailey.

**Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H.,
For The Year Ending January 31, 1940.**

Katherine W. Boyd, died October 25th, 1939, age, 32 years, 3 months, 8 days, born at Hillsboro, N. H., white, married; father's name, George Wadleigh, maiden name of mother, Clara Davey; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

William Davis, died December 10, 1939; age, 55 years, 6 months, 5 days, born at Ikaalinen, Finland; white, single; father's name, Joseph Davis; maiden name of mother, Ida Davis (?) Cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FLOYD J. HUTCHINS,

Town Clerk.

